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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$121,000 GRANT TO THE BOWLING GREEN TOWNSHIP FOR NEW ROAD GRADER

In a Certificate of Recognition ceremony on November 16, 2010, Steven Gerrish, Area Specialist for USDA Rural Development announced the award of \$121,000 to the Bowling Green Township. Funds were used to purchase a new road grader for the Bowling Green Township, a service area of 129 residents. The assistance consists of a Community Facilities Disaster Grant of \$121,000 for the purchase of the new grader. Additionally, the Bowling Green Township provided Township funds and their used grader towards the total cost of the new grader.

"With the help of competitive funds from the USDA, the Bowling Green Township has been able to purchase a new road grader for the township," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "This new equipment will benefit Bowling Green Township and help ensure that the quality of its roads is maintained."

"Working with the USDA, Bowling Green Township of Chariton County was able to obtain a federal grant to purchase a new maintainer," stated Doug Grotjan President of Bowling Green Township. "This funding allowed the Township to trade for and purchase a new John Deere Road Grader which helps to improve the quality of roads and enhance our road improvements for the residents of the Township. Bowling Green Township is strictly a farming community and road improvements are essential to the residents to harvest and transport crops in an efficient and timely manner."

"This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for funding the purchase of a new road grader to help with the maintenance of the roads in the township," said Missouri State Director Janie Dunning. "This project mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for these kinds of projects."

Anyone seeking more information about the Community Facility program or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Moberly Office at 2995 County Road 1325, Moberly, MO 65270 or by calling (660) 263-7400 - ext 4.

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